

# Office of Governor Mitch Daniels

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# Weekly wrap-up

## Governor delivers 2008 State of the State address

Jan. 15, 2008— During his fourth State of the State address, Governor Mitch Daniels focused primarily on his plan for property tax relief, challenging lawmakers to pass legislation to provide for fair, far-reaching and final property tax reduction to Hoosiers.

"We are called now to act once again, together, on a great thing that is wanted to be done: to bring lasting fairness and affordability to the taxation of property in our state," said Governor Daniels.

The governor also discussed the bipartisan approach needed to bring relief to property owners in Indiana.

"We have proven ourselves capable of great things," said Daniels. "The spirit that produced telecom reform, health care for the uninsured, and a second honestly-balanced budget must be brought to bear again...So be brave these next few weeks—great work is wanted to be done."



*Jan. 15, 2008- Governor Daniels and Lt. Governor Skillman welcomed former Governor Otis "Doc" Bowen and his wife Carol as guests for the 2008 State of the State address.*

[Read the governor's address.](#)

[Watch a video of the governor's speech.](#)



*Jan. 17, 2008- Governor Daniels recognized several Hoosiers for their contributions to the advancement of civil rights during a celebration of the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

## Governor attends MLK, Jr. celebrations

Jan. 17, 2008- Governor Daniels made welcoming remarks at the 17th Annual Indiana Statewide Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Celebration at the Indiana State Museum. The event, "A Legacy of Freedom: Remembering A King," commemorated the life and work of Dr. King.

The governor also joined Indianapolis community leaders to help serve breakfast at the 15th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration of Peace Community Breakfast.

[Listen to the governor's interview on WOWO.](#)

## Daniels speaks before House committee

Jan. 16, 2008— For the first time in his term, Governor Daniels testified before the House Ways and Means Committee in support of his plan for property tax relief.

"I didn't do it lightly because I think it's a precedent that you don't want to lightly set. But this is a unique situation of special importance to taxpayers and therefore to me, so I decided to break with past practice and make this exception," said Daniels.

[Watch the governor's testimony.](#)



*Jan. 18, 2008- The governor greets a member of the Huntingburg Chamber of Commerce during a breakfast event.*

To view past updates, click [here](#).

To visit Governor Daniels' Web site, click [here](#).

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

### Fusion Alliance

Jan. 15, 2008- Fusion Alliance, a leading Midwest technology consulting firm headquartered in Indianapolis, announced it will expand its headquarters in Marion County, creating more than 110 new jobs by 2010.

The company, which specializes in the design and development of technology-driven business solutions, will invest more than \$2 million to expand its headquarters operation and upgrade its hardware and software.

"Fusion Alliance joins a growing list of companies like Arcadia Healthcare, Really Cool Foods, SMC Corporation and Berry Plastics that have decided to grow their global headquarters in Indiana. Headquarters locations, with the high-paying jobs and community commitment they bring, are the best news an economy can get," said Governor Mitch Daniels.

Fusion Alliance, which employs more than 220 Information Technology Professionals at its offices in Indianapolis and Cincinnati, plans to begin hiring additional infrastructure consultants, application developers, web designers, business analysts and project managers in 2008.

[Read the news release.](#)

Jan. 15, 2008- Gov. Daniels welcomed members of the Purdue University student government to his office.



### Dow Corning Corporation

Jan. 14, 2008- Silicon-based materials leader Dow Corning Corp. announced it will expand its manufacturing operations in Kendallville, creating more than 20 new jobs by 2010.

The global manufacturer and marketer of silicone compounds will invest more than \$5 million to build and equip a 25,000 square-foot addition to its manufacturing operations that will grow the company's mixing and extruding capabilities at the site.

"More and more companies are recognizing that Indiana is a great place to do business, and we're glad Dow Corning selected Indiana for this expansion," said Governor Mitch Daniels.

[Read the news release.](#)



Jan. 18, 2008- Gov. Daniels visited with Hoosiers during a stop at the Locust Street Café in Boonville.

### 80/20 Inc.

Jan. 18, 2008- Aluminum components provider 80/20 Inc. announced it will expand its manufacturing and distribution center in Columbia City, creating more than 40 new jobs by 2010.

The company, which designs and manufactures modular extruded aluminum framing for a variety of industrial applications, will invest more than \$5 million to upgrade machining and manufacturing technology at its 135,000-square-foot facility.

"80/20 Inc. is a home-grown Hoosier company that is creating new opportunities in Northeast Indiana," said Governor Mitch Daniels. "Small cities and towns like Columbia City, Bluffton and Markle continue to play a vital role in Indiana's economic comeback."

Founded in 1989 in Fort Wayne, 80/20 Inc. has since moved its design, manufacturing and distribution center to a larger facility in Columbia City, where it employs 210 associates and plans to hire warehouse, customer service, accounting and shipping personnel later this year as part of the expansion.

[Read the news release.](#)



Jan. 18, 2008- Governor Daniels speaks about his plan for property tax relief at an Evansville Area Association of REALTORS luncheon in Newburgh.

### A look ahead...

Governor Daniels will travel to Greenfield, Richmond, Brookville, Aurora, Osgood, Hanover, Jeffersonville, Fort Wayne, Nappanee and Elkhart this week.